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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

1. TALKS FAO REVEALED MAREI WILL ARRIVE ROME SUNDAY, FEB. 17, ACCOMPANIED BY EGYPTIAN AIDES AND UN INFORMATION OFFICER. WALTON EXPECTED RETURN FEB. 15. OFFICE BEING PREPARED FAO IN EXPECTATION MAREI WILL SPEND LARGE AMOUNT IF NOT BULK OF TIME BEFORE WFC IN ROME.

2. UNDERSTAND UN/FAO TALKS WITH ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVES WILL RESULT IN RECOMMENDATION WFC BE HELD FROM TUESDAY, NOV. 5 TO FRIDAY, NOV. 15. TO INCLUDE HALF DAY SESSION SAT. NOV. 9.

3. WITH REGARD THIRD PREP COMM, FAO/NY ASKED HEADQUARTERS TO INDICATE PREFERENCE FOR TWO-WEEK SESSION COMMENCING SEPT. 23 OR OCT. 14. HEADQUARTERS RECOMMENDED OCT. 14 BUT APPARENTLY OVERLOOKED FACT THIS WOULD ALLOW ONLY FIVE WORKING DAYS BETWEEN CONCLUSION OF PREP COMM AND OPENING OF WFC ITSELF. (NOV. 4 IS ITALIAN HOLIDAY.) L TRANSLATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF CONCLUSIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS OF PREP COMM WOULD BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE IN THIS SHORT PERIOD.

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NOTE: ALTHOUGH NOT ADMITTED BY FAO, DECISION OPT FOR LATTER DATE
MAY HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED BY DG INTENTION ATTEND REGIONAL
CONFERENCE ASIA AND FAR EAST, TOKYO, WHICH BEGINS SEPT. 17 AND
THEN UNDERTAKE VISIT PEKING. VOLPE

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